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HECTOR ARANCIBIA LASO AS A POSSIBLE CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW (1944)

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To VIKTOR. [1]

With reference to the Chilean Government's approach to us about the establishment of diplomatic relations here are particulars of the most likely candidate for the post of Minister in MOSCOW. Hector ARANCIBIA Laso [Gektor ARANSIBIYA Laso], 58 years, old prominent member of the Radical Party, left wing. More than once has directed campaigns for the election of presidents from the Radical Party. [B Many times] a deputy, Senator and [1 group unrecovered] Minister. At present is Director General of Roads and Telegraphs. His wife is an active functionary of a women's [1 group garbled] organisation. For two years both have been learning Russian. ARANCIBIA is on very good terms with the leaders of the Communist Party who support his candidature. At the same time his connection with President RIOS, having organised and carrying out his [10 groups unrecovered] which has arisen in CHILE about our country. By education he is a lawyer. He is the organizer and director of a sporting movement. The information was received from FREG... [11]

[6 groups unrecoverable][a]

Note: [a] These groups probably contained: "...ATO. No. 339 YuRLJ".

Comments: [1] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. PITIN.

[11] FREG...: Presumably "FREGATO". Unidentified cover-name.

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